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## Indiana Parole Agents Featured in New Documentary Series

Indianapolis, IN (September 6, 2012) - *Parole Diaries*, a compelling new docu-drama that offers an unprecedented look into the lives of parole officers and the parolees they serve, will premiere Wednesday, September 12, 2012, at 10:00PM EST on TV One. *Parole Diaries* follows nine dedicated parole officers of the Indianapolis Parole District as they tackle their most difficult and heart-wrenching cases.

The 13-episode series, produced by Towers Productions, offers a look inside the parole officers' day. From their desks riddled with necessary paperwork, to field work which often requires they be armed and outfitted in a bullet-proof vest, these agents must be prepared for the unexpected at all times. Viewers will also meet the parolees these officers are dedicated to serve – from the moment they first meet their parole officer, through random drug tests, several evaluations, to surprise home visits – we see the struggles these men and women face to earn a second chance.

"We are very proud of the unwavering dedication and determination that our Parole staff exhibit in their work," says IDOC Commissioner Bruce Lemmon. "It is a tough job and oftentimes a thankless job, but as shown in *Parole Diaries*, our Parole Agents are truly care about the success of their clients. We hope that through this show, people will have a greater respect for the service these men and women do for the State of Indiana and be inspired to help members of their community in their transition back into society."

*Parole Diaries* offers an unwavering look at this uncelebrated and gritty corner of the criminal justice system. Each one-hour episode will follow three dynamic parole officers on the job with the Indiana Department of Correction and the parolee – or client – they are serving. With cases that include sex offenders, convicted murderers and drug addicts, the work these officers perform is high on stress, low on glamour, and extremely dangerous. Yet, with each case, there is the possibility of positive change and the emotional uplift from delivering a second chance.

In the premiere episode of *Parole Diaries*, viewers will meet Parole Officers Denise Jackson, Gerald Carter and John Taylor. Jackson, a 12-year veteran parole officer, prides herself on her life-coaching and nurturing abilities and only handles female clients. The heart of this team of parole officers, Jackson leads off the episode working around the clock to stop her client Melissa, a recovering drug-addict and mother of three (with another one the way), from ruining the lives of her children. Officer Carter exclusively handles sex-offender cases. Using his no-nonsense – by any means necessary – approach, he tracks down his client Kenneth, a sex-offender who is illegally living near a high school. Officer John Taylor's caseload ranges from murder charges to theft. In this episode, Taylor is determined to motivate his client, Brian, to stay on track and put the college degree he earned in prison to good use.

With each episode, *Parole Diaries* promises to deliver new insights into this area of the criminal justice system as well as reveal the power in receiving a second a chance.

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